

November 21, 1938

The Executive Committee of the New Jersey Urban League met on the above date at 58 W. Market Street with Mr. Sammart in the chair. Present: Mr. Sand, Mrs. Sammart, Mr. Brooks, Rev. Hayes, Dr. Phillips, Miss Shepard, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Van Pommak, Rev. Matthews.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

A communication had been received from the Rev. Dr. Bledsney, pastor of Rosville Baptist Church regarding the organization of a Committee of One Hundred for the Defense of Human Rights. The Executive Secretary was asked to represent the Urban League on this committee. Motion was made by Mr. Sammart, seconded by Miss Shepard and carried that the secretary be authorized to accept this invitation. A letter had been received.

Miss Brown came in shortly after the last Board Meeting. She is helping with case work, but seems to be adjusting rather slowly. A letter had been received. Illness had prevented Mr. Sanders from attending the meeting of the committee. Mr. Bett reporting stated that any promotional work requires both personnel and money. However letters were being sent to employers requesting them to use the Urban League as a clearing house for employment problems. Folders on the League work are to be included.

Mr. Brooks, reporting for the Educational Committee called the attention of the Board to the series of series of lectures already begun. Seventeen attended the first lecture held on Nov. 18th. The speakers at this time were Prof. Gould of Newark University and Dr. James Williams of the Washington St. Branch of the Central Y.M.C.A.; the topic - Genesis of Race Prejudice.

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Future discussions are scheduled for Dec. 2, 9, and 16. One of the stated reasons for this series is to help overcome the emotional approach to problems found in minority groups. After Christmas, the committee may arrange twelve lectures as a follow up of this present series.

Liss Shepard reported for the House Committee. The roof, the sky light, the storm door need immediate attention before the necessary inside plaster and paint work can be taken care of. One hundred dollars at least are necessary for the Emergency Fund to be increased. Suggestion was made that paint might be secured from the Murphy Paint & Varnish Co. wholesale.

The committee recommended that estimates be secured on the best way of repairing the roof and storm door. recommendation accepted.

Mr. Phillips reported for the Social Service Committee. The problem of the Negro transient is very real. either the Salvation Army or the Good-will Mission provide for such and no persons are admitted to the unionized lodging house without the personal approval of Mr. Rainey. The Negro man who is stranded at night therefore has no place to go; the only place for the stranded Negro woman is the Police Station.

The Legal committee called to attention of Board the difficulty that non-professional Negroes have in securing auto insurance.

The hearing of police candidate is scheduled for Dec. 7th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. A. H. Diamond, President,

U. M. Janifer, Secretary.